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This is the sixteenth edition of the Periodic Electronic Newsletter (PEN) for MCI Mail users assigned to Oppenheimer Software (MCI Mail agency NY4). You may respond to the PEN by typing ANSWER at the COMMAND: line that appears after you read this. This mailbox (218-0241) is toll free - you may write to it as often as you wish, at no charge! (Please note that you may order a toll free mail box - contact Oppenheimer Software for more information.)

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NEED ANOTHER MAILBOX?
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An undocumented command called CREATE USING NEWUSER is available to allow you to register new mailboxes or accounts on MCI Mail, or provide referral information for others needing information. To use this feature, at the Command: prompt,

(if you are a BASIC user, type)
CREATE USING <RETURN>
NEWUSER <RETURN>

(if you are an ADVANCED user, type)
CREATE USING NEWUSER <RETURN>

Answer all questions, and follow the instructions at the end of the Script. You will be notified as soon as the new mailbox/account is active.

Note...
If you access MCI Mail via Lotus Express, Desktop Express or any of MCI Mail's LINK products, you will need to access MCI Mail via the interactive "terminal" mode.

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TELEX RATE CHANGE
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Effective February 1, 1988 domestic rates for telex dispatch will be:

to MCII:	$.55/minute
to other networks	$.75/minute

Under the new rate structure, you will be paying $.15/minute less than MCII (MCI International - MCI's telex division) telex subscribers pay for store and forward service.

In addition to the change, MCI Mail will bill in one minute increments for all international and domestic telex calls, regardless of the domestic network.

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TAKE ME ALONG....
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Traveling overseas soon?

Don't forget your passport, the "********* on $50.00 per Day" (remember when it was $5.00 per Day), the Berlitz dictionary, and your lap top computer.

Why the computer? To access MCI Mail of course. Oh, I know that you don't have the time to deal with the local PTT to set up an account. And besides that, the initial deposit, the long lead time, learning new procedures in a foreign language, and the hassles with the bureaucracy makes it more trouble than it is worth.

Well, a NEW and IMPROVED international access is available from such locations as London, Paris, Geneva, Tokyo, and Hong Kong. Say hello to the COMCO-CARD - an intelligent "credit card" that can:

- Enable you to reach MCI Mail from various international locations
- Standardize your logon procedure regardless of where you are
- Remember your access charges for you

As available on the international market, the COMCO-CARD user needs to:

- Purchase a COMCO-CARD reader for $799
- Purchase a COMCO-CARD for $100
- Use a lap top computer with an external 300 baud modem

Here is how it works:

You set up your lap top computer as your normally would. The cable that goes to the modem is instead routed to the COMCO-CARD reader, and another cable is attached from the reader to the modem. You then dial up to the nearest COMCO-CARD host computer. The COMCO-CARD automatically takes care of the network access procedures. Logon information is provided on-line in any one of ten languages (your choice). Fees and charges from the COMCO-CARD access point to the MCI Mail system are pre-paid with the COMCO-CARD and the cost if each communication is deducted from the card as used.

One very nice feature of the card is that it can be shared by several people. If you go to London for two weeks and use $35.00 worth of the card, your associate can go to Paris months (up to 12) later and continue to use the remaining $65.00 in the card. When exhausted, it can be reloaded with new credit.

We realize that for the occasional traveler, the $799 purchase price of the reader may be prohibitive. Oppenheimer Software is pleased to announce the availability of the COMCO-CARD reader on a rental basis - $100.00/month. A credit card is used as security. You still need to purchase the $100.00 COMCO-CARD.

For additional information, please message us at 218-0241.

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TRAVELERS MODEM
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I know what you are thinking..... After packing the Berlitz, the "********* on $55.00 per Day" (keeps going up) and the lap top computer, why would you want to lug along your external modem? Would you consider a modem that fits in your coffee cup?

The Worldport 1200 modem from Touchbase Systems is portable, battery-operated and operates at 300 or 1200 baud. It is compatible with the Hayes command set, and with Bell and CCITT standards. The Worldport 1200 has four LEDs (Low Battery, High Speed, Carrier Detect, and Call Progress) to show the modem's status. In addition to the typical direct connection, this modem can also be used with the Tandy acoustic couplers. Touchbase includes an adaptor to connect the couplers with the Worldport. Slightly larger than a pack of cigarettes, this modem works with any computer with an RS232 serial port.

Ease of use and international compatibility, coupled with its size and reliability make the Worldport 1200 the perfect portable modem to take traveling.

For additional information, please message us at 218-0241.

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NEW - FROM DOW JONES
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1. Stock Spotlight is a new menu selection within //BUSINESS. This selection contains the news behind the news, a look at the story behind notable or unusual stock activity. To access Stock Spotlight, enter DOW Jones News Retrieval service by typing DOW at the MCI Mail Command: prompt. When the Dow prompt appears, type //BUSINESS, type "F" for the Financial News & Statistics and pick menu selection 4.

2. Coverage of foreign markets has been enlarged. Daily stock information from Paris, Frankfurt, Brussels, Milan, Stockholm, Amsterdam, Zurich and London is now available. To access these, as well as Tokyo, Hong Kong, Australia and Singapore, use the .I/STK command for stocks, .I/BON for credit market stories and .I/FRX for coverage of the foreign exchange markets.

3. Information about the food and beverage industry is now easier to access:
   - .I/FOD Food products
   - .I/HHP Household/personal care products
   - .I/BVG Beverages
   - .I/TOB Tobacco products
   - .I/RFD Restaurants, supermarkets and drugstores

Remember - you are not charged for log-on time on MCI Mail, but you ARE CHARGED for the time you are connected to Dow Jones. A quick coffee break while logged

on can become expensive. DISC disconnects you from Dow jones and returns you to MCI Mail.

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SPECIAL OFFER.....
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In the market for a good buy on a computer system?

Hertz Computer Corporation, New York City's only exclusive microcomputer manufacturer has announced a special offer for MCI Mail subscribers on three popular configurations:

A 35% DISCOUNT.

Hertz has been providing the finest products using the highest quality components from Intel, Microsoft and Everex to resellers and corporations since 1981. Nationwide service is available from TRW on all Hertz microcomputers.

The three configurations are:

Hertz AT386 Plus
- 80386 Intel System Board
- 2.5 MB 32-bit RAM
- Serial and Parallel Ports
- 1.2 MB Floppy Drive
- 44 MB Hi-Perf. Micropolis Hard Disk
- Monographics Adapter
- Hi-Res Mon Monitor
- Enhanced Keyboard

Price: $3995.00

Hertz XT/88 TURBO
- Intel 8088-1 (4.7/10 MHz)
- 640 KB RAM
- 360 KB Floppy Drive
- Parallel Port
- 20 MB Seagate Hard Drive
- Monographics Adapter
- Hi-Res Mono Monitor

Price: $995.00

Hertz AT286 Plus
- Intel 80286 CPU
- 640 KB RAM
- Parallel Port
- 1.2 MB Floppy Drive
- 40 Seagate Hard Disk
- Monographics Adapter
- Hi-Res Mono Monitor
- Enhanced Keyboard

Price: $1795.00

Modems with Lotus Express
- Int. 1200 bps: $199.
- Int. 2400 bps: $299.
- ext. 2400 bps: $349.

Each purchase includes:
1 year warranty
Nationwide service available from TRW (optional)
100% Compatibility to IBM AT 339
Corporate level support available for individual sales

Contact Hertz Computers at MCI ID:314-9041

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LOTUS EXPRESS FEATURE...*
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We use Lotus Express and we love it.

However, nothing is perfect, and while we view Lotus Express as the best product of its kind on the market, we have identified two minor problems. Neither of these problems prevent Lotus Express from performing its assigned task of providing automatic, error free communications via MCI Mail.

Both of these problems are most likely to be seen in environments where large mailings (such as the PEN newsletter) are issued by custom software and are transmitted through Lotus Express.

The first problem is with the MAILFILE utility that comes with Lotus Express. MAILFILE is designed to accept a disk file that has been created with a word processor (ASCII text only!) or a data base program that conforms to the layout of a Lotus Express message, and insert it into the OUTGOING folder. If you use the HANDLING: option in the envelope, it must be indented one space. MAILFILE refuses to process the message if the HANDLING: prompt is flush left.

The second problem is within the Lotus Express program itself. It seems that the placement of the DATE: field, if included is critical - it must NOT be placed immediately before the HANDLING: prompt. If it is, the HANDLING: options chosen are ignored.

For example,

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    ---------------------------------------
    To: 111-1111
    To: 222-2222
    To: 333-3333
    Date: Thu January 21 1988  23:48:02
     Handling: Document
    Subject:  Test message
    ---------------------------------------
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will result in all three users seeing the other users names and ID's.

However,

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    ---------------------------------------
    Date: Thu January 21 1988  23:48:02
    To: 111-1111
    To: 222-2222
    To: 333-3333
     Handling: Document
    Subject:  Test Message
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will transmit the message properly in DOCUMENT mode, leaving each reader to see only his/her name and ID.

* "Feature" is the sales persons word for a bug.

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EDITORS NOTE....
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The PEN newsletter is entering its third year of publication.

We have tried to provide information of general interest, explain new features available through MCI Mail, provide a forum for products and services that we felt might be of interest of MCI Mail subscribers, and keep you up to date on price and service changes.

Your letters and comments indicate that we have succeeded so far.

From time to time, articles previously printed are reprinted in an updated version, for the benefit of new subscribers. Others are printed at specific times of the year as needed (time changes, for instance).

Is there something you would like to see in PEN? Is there any aspect of MCI Mail that you are confused about? Do you have a service or product that might be of interest to other MCI Mail subscribers?

Let's hear from you.

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Till Next Time
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